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SUBJECT: OASGA SUMMARY - JUNE 30, 1978

USDEL 25

1. GENERAL COMMITTTEE IN MORNING SESSION APPROVED COMPROMISE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON RE-STRUCTURING (TEXT SENT SEPTEL). DRAFT REFERRED TO EARLIER GUIDANCE FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PERMANENT COUNCIL (PC) TO 'CONSIDER POSSIBILITY' OF ESTABLISHING SPECIAL NEGOTIATING BODY OPEN TO ALL MEMBER STATES. REFERENCE TO PC AND SPECIFICATION THAT ALL MEMBER STATES CAN PARTICIPATE AT WILL SATISFIED SMALL COUNTRIES, WHICH HAD FEARED EXCLUSION FROM NEGOTIATING PROCESS, WHILE LEAVING DOOR AJAR FOR FORMATION OF SPECIAL GROUP. RESOLUTION DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR SMALL SIZED GROUP OR SET STRICT TIMETABLE AS MEXICAN WORKING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAPER PROPOSED, NOR DOES IT CONTAIN STATEMENTS ABOUT ASSESSING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF OAS THAT WERE IN US PAPER.

2. COMMITTEE THEN TOOK UP DRAFT RESOLUTION EXPRESS-ING CONCERN AT PROVISION OF US TRADE ACT OF 1974 EXCLUDING VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR FROM PROVISIONS OF US GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES, REQUESTING USG TO CHANGE OFFENDING EXCLUSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND INSTRUCTING PC TO CONTINUE MONITORING. DRAFT RESOLUTION PASSED 24-0-2 (US AND GRENADA). USDEL (MCGEE) EXPLAINED US ABSTENTION IN SHORT STATEMENT NOTING THAT CHANGE IN US LAW, WHICH RESOLUTION REQUIRED, WAS PREROGATIVE OF CONGRESS AND THAT US ABSTENTION WAS THUS MANDATED.

3. MORNING SESSION OF COMMITTEE I (POLITICAL-JURIDICAL) SAW RESUMPTION OF LENGTHY VERBAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN VENEZUELA (MACHIN) AND URUGUAY (GIAMBRUNO). MACHIN'S PRESENTATION WENT NEARLY ONE HOUR, TO VISIBLE AND INCREASING DISTRESS OF VIRTUALLY ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS, AND GIAMBRUNO'S RESPONSE WAS ALSO NECESSARILY EXTENSIVE. SESSION ENDED WITH PLEAS BY ACTING PRESIDENT (ECHEVERRIA) AND USDEL (TRAGEN) FOR COM-MISSION TO MOVE TO NEXT ITEM ON AGENDA, (IAHRC REPORT ON PARAGUAY) IN ORDER TO CONCLUDE ITS PENDING WORK (FIVE MAJOR RESOLUTIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS INCLUDING CLARIFICATION OF THE INTERIM STATUS OF IAHRC WHEN AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS COMES INTO FORCE WITH THE ELEVENTH RATIFICATION, ONE RESOLUTION ON TERRORISM AND VARIOUS OTHER AGENDA ITEMS) PRIOR TO THE CLOSING PLENARY SCHEDULED FOR 9:30 A.M., JULY I. VANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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